



Via ECFS

November 30, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *In the Matter of Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42, **Notice for Forbearance from Lifeline Broadband Internet Access Service Requirements**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to the *Lifeline Modernization Order* (“Order”),¹ Plateau Telecommunications, Incorporated (“Plateau”) hereby avails itself of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“FCC” or “Commission”) grant of forbearance from the requirement to provide broadband Internet access service (“BIAS”) as a Lifeline service. Plateau may, however, voluntarily decide to offer and receive reimbursement for providing Lifeline-supported BIAS in all or portions of the area in which it is designated an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (“ETC”). Pursuant to the guidance provided in Public Notice DA 16-1316,² Plateau provides the following information out of an abundance of caution, to the extent necessary:

ETC Name: Plateau Telecommunications, Incorporated d/b/a Plateau

ETC Designation Order: Plateau Telecommunications, Incorporated Petition For Designation As An Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant To Section 214(e)(2) Of The Communications Act of 1934, Final Order, Case No. 03-00345-UT, New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Issued: July 27, 2004).

¹ See *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016) (“*Lifeline Modernization Order*”).

² Public Notice, “Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures For Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking To Invoke Forbearance Granted By Lifeline Modernization Order,” DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).



Type of Designation: Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for purposes of Mobility Fund Phase I support.

Forbearance Area: Plateau avails itself of blanket forbearance throughout the entire geographic area in which it is designated an ETC, which includes Curry, De Baca, Guadalupe, Quay, Roosevelt, San Miguel, and Torrance counties in New Mexico. Attachment A is an Excel document listing the counties and associated FIPS codes for the areas where Plateau invokes the Lifeline BIAS forbearance. Plateau has made every effort to comprehensively list all areas where it is an ETC. In the event that any area was inadvertently omitted from Attachment A, Plateau reserves the right to supplement this filing to make administrative corrections to Attachment A.

Please contact our FCC counsel, Greg Whiteaker (202-600-7274) or Robin Tuttle (202-827-0667), if you have any questions regarding this notice.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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